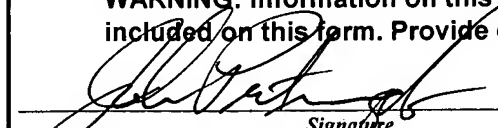
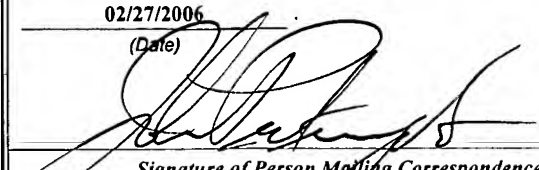


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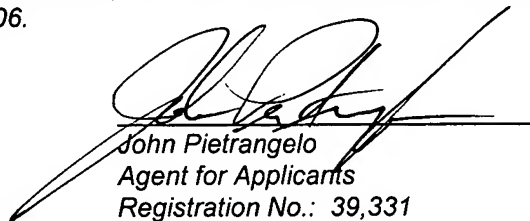
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2005 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before February 28, 2006, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper.
Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 3 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.